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THREAT THAT U.S. MAY BE FORCED TO ENTER WAR

Misconstructions Placed On Oral Statement Yesterday Caused Alarm

NO CHANGE IN NEUTRALITY OF UNITED STATES

After Conference With President Wilson, Secretary Lansing Issued a Second Statement to Correct Impressions Made by Oral Remarks-Notes Were Sent to Belligerent Nations to Impress Upon Them the Fact That the United States, as a Neutral Nation, Was Entitled to Know Exactly What Each Belligerent Seeks in Order That It Might Regulate Its Conduct for the Future—Entente Diplomats Confident There Was No Hidden Meaning in the Notes.

Washington, Dec. M. - President ! Wilson's note to the belligerents, urgwison's note to the belligerents, urging discussion of peace, was officially interpreted today as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war, because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides. This interpretation was made late today by Secretary Lansing in a formal statement issued to overtake what were characterized as widespread misconstructions placed on one given out earlier in the day saying that because earlier in the day saying that because of the increasingly critical position of

earlier in the day saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral, it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

Secretary Lansing's final statement, formally prepared and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality and that the whole tone and language of the note were sufficient to indicate its purpose without further comment on his part,

Mr. Lansing's first statement, made orally and of which no official copy was distributed, led to exaggerations of its language and purpose throughout official Washington. Its most striking phrases on which the widest speculation was based were that the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war" and that the sending of the note "will indicate the possibility of our being forcad into the war," and that neither he nor President Wilson regarded the note "as a peace note". regarded the note "as a

GREAT REBOUND MADE IN PRICE OF WHEAT

Caused by Sudden Demand on a Vast G. W. Anderson, Federal District At Scale to Supply Europe.

almost panicky selling and a seven cent break in wheat prices today, the market made a greater rebound, and closed strong with substantial net gains. Sudden merchandising demand on a vast scale to supply Europe with cheap wheat developed when prices when prices when prices when prices in charge of the government's the substantial net gains. Chicago, Dec. 21.-Notwithstanding cheap wheat developed when prices tumbled sensationally downgrade. The ensuing big rally came with such sruprising force that wheat at the last parted company with the stock market and traders temporarily ignored one of the government's mational food and fuel inquiry.

Mr. Anderson came here to confer with Special United States Attorney General Frank M. Swacker, in charge and traders temporarily ignored one. the moves at Washington and elsewhere in regard to paece.

At the opning unlimited quantities

the instant trading began and values crashed downward until in a few minutes the maximum decline had been eached. It was not long, though, before the fact was apparent that, howr important diplomacy might be, the result of an artificial and illegal combination designed to reap extorever important diplomacy might be. a large measure distinct.

Signs that European governments were buying wheat on a scale not sur-passed in man yweeks, especially the atest estimates that sales to Europe aggregated 2,000,000 bushels or more, at the highest prices in weeks from across the Atlantic, started the upward movement of prices.

Last prices were at virtually the

topmost level of the day.

NO TESTIMONY OFFERED

BY HARTFORD UNIONS In Defense of Suit for \$25,000 Damage for Conspiracy.

Hartford, Dec. 21.—The defending unions offered no testimony at the op-ening of court in the suit of the Cohn and Routh Electrical company against the Bricklayers union, the Electrical Workers union and six other building workers union and six other building trades unions, asking for \$25,000 damages for conspiracy and an injunction, arguments were begun. Trial of the case opened before Judge M. A. Shumway Wednesday. In his opening argument, Ralph O. Wells, of cousel for gument, Ralph O. Wells, of couser to the plaintiff, announced that it waiv-ed all claim for damages and would ask for the injunction only.

OPPOSITION TO \$28,000,000

OMNIBUS BUILDINGS BILL From Executive Heads of the Govern-

ment-Chairman Clark So Reports. Washington, Dec. 21. - Chairma Clark of the public buildings commit-tee charged in a speech in the house today that executive heads of the government were opposing the commit-te's \$28,000,000 omnibus buildings bill because of a desire "to take the au-thorization of buildings away from congress and pass it to bureaucrats in the departments." He declared certain representatives also were hoping to defeat the bill and then put through in emergency appropriations for buildings in larger cities without making corresponding provision for the smallmunitles The measure will be d for passage after the ChristCabled Paragraphs

Danish Upper House Approves Sale of

Islands. Copenhagen, Dec. 21, via London, 15 p. m.—Both houses of the Danish parliament have now approved the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The Landsthing, or sale of the Danish west lines to the United States. The Landsthing, or upper house, voted favorably upon the proposition today, 40 to 19. The bill for ratification of the treaty providing for the sale was adopted by the Folkething yesterday.

Grahame-White Marries Again. London, Dec. 21, 5.53 p. m.—Flight Commander Claude Grahame-White was married at the registry office to-day to Ethel Levey, the actress.

Commander Grahame-White's first wife, who was Miss Dorothy Taylor of New York, obtained a divorce in Lon-don last June. Ethel Levey formerly was the wife of George M. Cohen of Their marriage was dis-New York. T solved in 1907.

ORGANIZING COOPERATIVE

PURCHASING SOCIETIES Municipal Employes of New York to the Number of 87,000.

New York, Dec. 21.-Municipal employes of New York, numbering alto-gether more than \$7,000, have engaged in a concerted movement to reduce the cost of living by organizing cooperative purchasing societies in the various de-partments, it became known tonight. So successful have been first at-tempts to cut the cost of food by buy-ing in bulk and distributing them at prices far below those paid by the general public, that recognition has been given the movement by the city government. The sinking fund com-mission today gave permission to the employes conference committee, as the organization is called, to use a room in the municipal building as headquarters for the purchase of food, clothing and

reach the foreign capitals to be construed as indicating that the American note was anything but what it indicated on its face. So, after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, the second statement was formally prepared and distributed at the state department. other supplies.

The Credit Union of the employes conference committee recently was in-corporated to encourage saving. Sav-ings can be deposited with the organization and loans obtained at a rate not exceeding one per cent. a month.

JURY OUT IN THE

TEIPER MURDER TRIAL Out All Day Without Agreemen Locked Up for the Night.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21 .- At midnight tonight the jury in the case of John Edward Teiper, charged with the murder of his mother, had not agreed upon a verdict. At that time the jurys had had the case under consideration

ready to come to court at any time during the night in the event of a verdict being reached. Telper, sur-sounded by members of his family, waited in the office of the Erie county

RESULT OF MANIPULATION

At 12.15 this morning the jury in the trial of John Edward Teiper, charged with the murder of his mother,

was locked up for the night. HAD SPURIOUS CHECKS AND TEN BANKBOOKS

Addison W. Clark Arrested at Hartford For Trying to Buy Auto Under False Pretentions.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 21.—When Addison W. Clark was arrested here late purchase an automobile under falst disclose an aggressive purpose, purchase an automobile under falst disclose an aggressive purpose, purchase an automobile under falst disclose an aggressive purpose, books in his possession and a large they are not suffering and dying for number of stocks and bonds, said to be valued at thousanads of dollars. He tried to buy an automobile from a local dealer and presented a check on a Los Angeles bank for \$1,200. In tees that our honorable obligations on —provided we could obtain guaran-in tees that our honorable obligations the would be fulfilled—we should then response to a telegraphic inquiry, the would be fulfilled—we should then The police say the man appears to make a serious effort to get the parbank said the check was wortness.
be demented an dapparently has been a proposition would be carried by brooding over financial losses. But virtual unanimity.

"I am not prepared to face the proslittle is known of him here. He came to Hartford a few months ago

from Gilboa. N. Y.

Many of the bank books show anparent accounts in western states. The police say the aggregate apparent depolice say th

eighborhood of \$1,000,000. Clark claims to be a member of the American Legion and the Army and Navy Leagues.

ANOTHER HORSE SHIP

SUNK WITH NO AMERICANS The St. Ursula, Bound from Salonik to Montreal.

Washington, Dec. 21.—An official report to the state department from the American consul at Malta said that the horse ship St. Ursula, bound from Saloniki to Montreal in ballast, with six Americans in the crew, was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a submarine of unknown nationality on Dec. 12. Two officers reported seeing the wake of the submarine and its periscope, but not its flag. The survivors, including the six Americans were landed at Malta six hours after-Four men still are missing wards The state department has ordered fur-

ther investigation. IRRESISTIBLE PASSION FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECKS.

Third Offense for Samuel L. Richards -Has Served Two Prison Sentences.

New York, Dec. 21.—Samuel L. Richards, who helped Thomas Mott Osborne organize the Mutual Wella. c league at Sing Sing prison and be came its first secretary, was arrested her etoday for passing a worthless check for \$156 on Alexander Karlin. Mr. Osborne's former attorney. Richards, who is 42 years of age, has spent 27 years in penitentiaries and reform-

ttories. Less than a year ago Richards, af-Charles C. Gray.

Cidence, R. I., Dec. 21.—Charles as, state auditor and insurance assioner, died here today. He years of age and served with a Island command in the Civil

Dobrudja Reverses Bill for Universal Miltary Training

DRIVEN FROM HEIGHTS IN RE. WILL BE LAID BEFORE CONGRESS NEXT MONTH.

RUSSO-RUMANIANS HALT WITH ESTIMATE OF COST

In Rumania Proper the Teutons Are Representative Tilson in Accord With Advancing Along Both Sides of the Consensus of Opinion That a Greatly Increased Regular Army is Necessary for Defense of Nation.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A definite plan for universal military training will be laid before congress next month in the shape of a bill formu-lated by the general staff of the army In the Dobrudja region of Rumania, where the Russo-Rumanian forces have turned upon the invaders, the Teutonic allies have been driven from heights in the region of Balabanica and Dachkoi, and the Russians and Rumanians are now disputing with them in a violent battle the possession accompanied by complete estimates of of cost as compared to the present volunteer system. Major General Hugh L. Scott. chief of staff, told the house of other positions along this line. In Rumania proper the Teutons are ad-vancing along both sides of the Insu-Racovitzeri road, but are meeting with military committee today that the work was in progress and would re-quire about a month to complete. Chairman Dent sald the committee steady resistance from the Russians and Rumanians. Along the Pilita-Stankuca front the Teutonic allies have pushed back the advance guard of the

would be glad to see the bill.

In response to a laughing question as to who would introduce it in the house, Representative Kahn of California said:
"And I would be glad to have the honor to introduce it."

Gen. Scott Sharply Cross-examined. General Scott was subjected to sharp cross examination today on his reiterated recommendation for a univer Merated recommendation for a universal service measure, based in part on results of the volunteer system as shown in the mobilization of the national guard for border service. Five of the 22 members of the committee took occasion to assert their belief in took occasion to assert their belief in the theory of universal service, while two emphatically declared against such a system. Those favoring were Representatives Kahn, Greene of Ver-mont and Tilson of Connecticut, re-publicans, and Olney of Massachusetts and Farley of New York, democrats, while those opposed were Representa-

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Snow and rain are falling in Mace-donia, and aside from an engagement in the Cerna river bend region, no infantry fighting has taken place. On infantry fighting has taken place. On this sector Berlin reports that the Teutonic allies have held heights east of Paralovo against strong Positions. LIVERPOOL POST COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE Says Allies Will Give Him Credit for the Best of Intentions.

> Livenpool, Dec. 22, 12.25 a. m .- Th Post referring to President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents make known their desires concerning eace, says:
> "President Wilson must not be sur

> prised if, as far as the allies are con-cerned, his intervention produces a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The allies will readily give the president credit for the best intentions, but they will be justified in wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed and ill-judged.

"The president's assurance that the recent German overtures had no prompting influence on his proposals must be accepted. At the same time, it is, to say the least, somewhat maladroit that we should be so appealed to by the United States at a moment when the allies are at the height of their power and Germany knows her apparently favorable position own nnot possibly be maintained.
"On the other hand there is the

ossibility that Mr. Wilson's efforts are directed toward eliciting from Ger-many concrete terms of peace, which she withheld in her extraordinary approach to the entente. In that case a useful purpose may be served, for we then would be in a position to judge whether war weariness is associated wit ithe consciousness of criminality of which Germany has been found or which Germany has been round guilty in the judgment of the civilized world, and the extent to which this will induce her to yield to the allies' inexorable demands for guarantees against future barbarism."

Lordon, Dec. 22.-The Daily News, which is the nearest to pacifist among the London newspapers, says today regarding President Wilson's note; pects of a military decision, which means a war of attrition, unless I am convinced there is no other way "No one can fail to appreciate the spirit in which the proposal is made or to approve the cautious terms in which it is couched. The history of the great struggle in his own country The history of is too recent and too memorable for President Wilson to be unaware of the perils of too hasty intervention. From our side it was the spectre of empires down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the European intervention that haunted Lincoln, especially in those days when It would divide Europe into the cause of the north was passing through its darkest phase. two hostile camps and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever before and would fasten con-"Mr. Wilson is far too wise to add

that trouble to the enormous burdens of the nations engageed in the struggle for liberty no less and far greater. He is taking soundings. If he finds the war still too deep he will withdraw his plumb line and await until a more favorable opportunity."

The newspaper says the c entral powers would accept the note eager-ly and despite their arrogant tone the door should not be barred and bolted Washington, Dec. 21.—State depara-ment advices today indicated that Villa is again in possession of Jiminez In their face. If they have terms to offer the allies should take their own

proposals. The Daily News says there is no suffering in America comparable with that in Lancashire during the cotton famine brought about by Lincoln's blockade and says it does not believe Lincoln's the American people will put the diswho has been representing American ability they are suffering in the scale interests, was starting south with against victory of human liberty over

> AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN LINE STEAMER KANSAN DAMAGED Presumably by Striking Mine-Was Carrying Horses to France.

New York, Dec. 21.—A cablegram from Captain Forsythe, of the steamer Kansan, received here today by the American-Hawaiian line, said she was damaged on Tuesday, "presumably by striking a mine." The Kansan carried horses for France, in addition to a general cargo.

It was the Kansan that first reported the activities of the German sub-Jeremiah J. Harty was installed as bishop of Omaha at St. Celia's Ca-thedral today. Two prelates of the Catholic church and 120 priests of Nebraska and Iowa were present at the ceremony. Archbishop Harty has been in the Philippine islands for the last

ed the activities of the German sub-marine U-53 off Nantucket on October A wireless message from Captair Forsythe said his ship had been stopped by the submarine and compelled to prove her identity. The Kansan was then on her way to Boston.

Condensed Telegrams

The House approved the continuation of the Sub-Treasury at Baltimore. All the canals and locks at Sault Ste

Judge W. W. Lambdin of the United States District Court at Savannah, Ga.,

The Federal Oil Co. of Cleveland in-reased its capital from \$3,200,000 to

The battleships New York and Texas of the North Atlantic fleet, arrived at New York.

President Wilson called at the residence of Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi.

The Hunter Arms Co., Inc., of Fulton N. Y., increased its capital from \$150,-000 to \$500,000. Fire destroyed the J. P. Allen department store at Atlanta, Ga., at a loss of \$200,900.

Two hundred workmen in men's clothing manufactories at Vineland, N. J. went on strike.

The 13th Coast Defense Comman was designated as escort for Gov Whitman on Inauguration Day. Fire destroyed Elevator B. of the

Nye-Schneider Grain Co., at Fremont, Neb., at a loss of about \$500,000. The Department of Commerce reports the exports of cotton for the week ended December 16, at 180,655

A bill providing for imprisonment of those found guilty of cornering food-stuffs was offered by Senator Poin-

The Norwegian steamship Juno

thich grounded on Beach Haven, N

J., New floated. York from Cardiff, Wales, was Gold to the amount of \$8,200,000 was received from Canada and deposited at

the Assay Office for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. Miss Adelaide Hamilton, the blind granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, American statesman, left an estate valued at \$720,478.

The coldest December temperature in 15 years was recorded at St. Paul Minn., when the mercury dropped to 23 degrees belo wzero. Increase of all railway fares in

Great Britain 50 per cent. beginning Jan. 1, was announced by the Board of Trade in the House of Commons. Two men were seriously injured when the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train, No. 57, ran into the rear end of a freight train at Troy, Ala.

One man was killed and two wer injured in an explosion in the Eoge-water mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Co., at Birmingham, Ala.

Maurice E. Connolly, Borough President of Queens, accepted the resignation of James A. Dayton as Public Works Commissioner for that borough.

Sergeant Robt. E. Gonzales, of the Machine Gup. Company, South Caro-lina Infantry, son of W. E. Gonzales, Inited States Minister to dead. Army medical officers on the borde

reported there was no danger of the cases of spinal meningitis among Georfia and Pennsylvania troops be The wholesale warehouse of the Ziot

Co-operative Mercantile Institution, controlled by the Mormon Church, at Pocatella, Idaho, was damaged by fire at a loss of \$200,000. Mrs. Catherine Sullivan of the Roy

Monday night, died at a hospital in Lawrence, Mass., yesterday.

The commissioner on Domestic ani-

Hamden because of prevalence of ra-

Charles E. Hughes carried Oregon by a plurality of 7,314 over President Wilson, according to the official re-turns announced today. The final was: Hughes 126,749; Wilson 119,435.

Funston ordered Colone General Funston ordered Colonel Richard H. Wilson, commanding troops in the Yuma district, to send a sufficient force to Ajo, Airz., to protect the place against threatened Mexican

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad placed an embargo against all west-bound carload freight connections west of Cumberland, Md., except perishables, livestock and foodstuffs for human consumption.

Harvey Dow Gibson, at the age of 34, has been elected president of the Liberty National bank in New York, to succeed Thomas Cochran, who will become a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and company.

Baron Robt. E. Oppenheim, Lon-don and Paris banker, held up at New York by immigration authorities on the ground that he had been implicated in charges involving moral turp itude, was ordered released

Luther Burbank, plant evolutionist, and his secretary, Miss Elizabeth Wa-ters, were married at San Francisco Thursday by Rev. C. S. S. Dutton, pastor of the First Unitarian church. The ceremony was private.

One passenger was killed and several persons were injured when the Seminole Limited, from Jacksonville to Chicago, running on the Central of Georgia Railroad track, jumped the track nine miles from Opelika, Ala.

Movements of Steamships

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Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—Arrived:
Steamer Frederik VIII, New York.
Bergen, Dec. 20.—Arrived: Steamer
Bergensfjord, New York.
New York, Dec. 21.—Signalled:
Steamer La Touraine, Bordeaux for
New York. Dock 8 a. m. Friday.
Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Sailed: Steamer Lapland, New York.

Exciting Day in the Stock Market

THE DAY'S SALES AGGREGATED 3,176,000 SHARES.

SLAUGHTERED

'War Brides" Were the Most Adversly Affected-Losses of From 5 to 33 Points-Bankers Not Alamed-Outsiders Are Standing the Losses

New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market today went through the most exciting day in its hisotry, with one exception. President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers, followed by Secretary Lansing's first explanatory statement of its intent, were the occasion of frended selling when a sound statement of its intent, were the occa-sion of frenzied selling, which a scope and volume farly dwarfed all the op-erations which followed on the peace proposals from Germany.

Prices were slaughtered to the ex-tent of 5, 10 and 15 points, in one case 33, and the day's sales aggregated

33. and the day's sales aggregated \$1,176,000 shares, a total without pracedent since the famous Northern Pacific corner of 1901. The decline was virtually unchecked, only a few nominal rallies marking the trading of the final

"War Brides" Adversely Affected. The liquidation of the forence, aggregating more than 1,300,000 shares alone, was confined, as has been the case in the recent operations, to the so-called "war brides," or stocks which might be adversely affected by the declaration of peace, but soon after the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement suggesting that the United States was "drawing nearer to the verge of war," rails also began to participate in the decline, selling off sharply, with losses of from four to eight points before the close.

Brokers' offices long before the opening were loaded with selling orders, and when the gong on the floor The liquidation of the forenoon, ag-

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RAILROADS NOT COMPLYING TO REDISTRIBUTION PLANS. Boston and Albany and Maine Central Two of Eight Roads Named.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In line with its announced policy of bringing be-fore the bar of public opinion the railroads which do not co-operate in car redistribution plans, the commis-sion on car service of the Amerian Railway association announced tonight that eight roads had failed to carry out recommended redistribution measures. Phe announ ment expresses a hope "that these lines will at once show a marked improvement in their performance." performance."

The roads named are the Boston and Afbany, the Maine Central, the Lenigh Valley, the Philadelphia and Reading, the New York Central, the Michigua Central, the Wabash and the Toledo

and Ohio Central.
"It is clearly apparent," says the announcement, "that these companies, having an excess of box car equip-ment, have not complied with the request of the commission on car service to deliver a designated excess of box cars to southern and western connections above the number of box cars received from such connections."

MATTHEW HARRIS, A NEGRO,

WON \$42,500 DAMAGE SUIT. Decision Rests on "A Man's Home is His Castle"-Fired at Posse.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Upholding the contention that "a man's nome is bury district of Boston, who was his castle and he has a right to delend struck by a train at North Wilmington it," which Judge John E. McCall emphasized in his charge, a jury in federal court here today awarded Matthew Harris, a negro, \$22,590 compensatory and \$20,000 punitive damages in his suit against John A. Reicaman. HOW LONDON DAILY NEWS

VIEWS NOTES OF BELLIGERENTS

Bridge & Tunnel Commission to build a tunnel from about the foot of Canal Street, N. Y., to 13th Street, Jersey

Booleres No One Can Fail to Appre-

dynamited in an attempt to dislodge him after he fired on the posse which mais issued an order, ordering the muzzling of dogs for a period of nine-ty days in Danbury, Litchfield and of the eidentity of the posse mea when he resisted their efforts to search his

> Riechman was exempted from the verdict for punitive damages, as it was shown that he was not actually a member of the posse.

POPULATION OF UNITED STATES IS SHIFTING TO CITIES 40.9 Per Cent. of the Country's Inhabitants Live in Cities of More Than 8,000.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The popula-tion of the United States continues to shift to the cities, according to estimates announced today by the census bureau. The estimates, based on the rate of population increases from 1900 to 1910, disclosed that 40.9 per cent. of the country's inhabitants now live in cities of more than 8,000, as against 38.9 per cent. in 1910. The entire population of Continental United States for 1916 has already been estimated at 102,017,312. The total in the states, territories and United States possessions is put at 112,444,620.

COULDN'T FIND VOUCHERS. SO HE KILLED HIMSELF Postmaster Walter E. Marean of Steep

Falls, Me., Hanged Himself. Steep Falls, Mo., Dec. 21.—Postmas-ter Walter E. Marcan hanged himself in a deserted camp today after wan-dering all night through a swamp following his failure to find certain vouchers for a post office inspector. The matter of the vouchers could have been cleared up easily, according

to the inspector. SMALL RUSSIAN STEAMER

STRUCK BY A MINE Fifty-nine Persons Were Killed-Only One Aboard Escaped.

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 11.22 p. m.—The small Russian steamer Skiftet has been sunk by striking a mine near Abo, Finland, according to advices received here. Fifty-nine persons were killed in the disaster. Only one person aboard the steamer

was saved. THE ME

war.

proved that their fear of a more in-vorable to Germany was not contem-plated, and that this country would not try to force peace on Europe. Their view grew that the United States fear-ed that unless the peace proposals go through now, a period of ruthlessness and retaliation may set in both sides which will inevitably force this counwhich will inevitably force this country into action.

It is indicated, therefore, that the allied diplomats will advise their gov-ernments to view the note in a friendly spirit and go as far as possible to-ward meeting the wishes of the Unit-

ed States.

When word of what the secretary of state had said spread throughout the capital, it created the greatest consternation in official circles and among the foreign diplomats, many of whom were calling at the state department to receive their copies of the note departed to their capitals.

note despatched to their capitals.

It became that the secretary's statement was not fully approved at the White House and that there was

question as to the wisdom of making any comment that might be regarded as an addition to the note. The White

House was concerned lest any word reach the foreign capitals to be con-

tributed at the state department.

Entente diplomats, at first at an ut-ter loss how to handle the unexpected

situation, became convinced that a clearer understanding of the necessi-ties and purposes of the United States proved that their fear of a more fa-

torneys at Boston, So Reports. New York, Dec. 21.-That there

HIGH PRICE OF COAL NOT

and traders temporarily ignored even of the federal grand jury investiga-the moves at Washington and else-tion in this city after having had sim-tlar conferences with the federal and

local authorities in Washington, Phil-At the opining unlimited quantities local authorities in the control of wheat were thrown on the market adelphia, Cleveland and Chicago. the instant trading began and values, "When there are indication that the movement of coal has been checked not only on railroads but at terminals," Mr. Anderson said, "there is reason to suspect that such action probably is

tionate profits through a speculative "When you find coal brokers coal dealers re-consigning coal cars over and over again so as to delay de-livery and thereby create a panic you find a prima facie case. Such a condition is similar to that recently called by David Lloyd George

profiting. Boston, Mr. Anderson said, turning to the food situation, "is the only ity at present suffering. It even has a shortage of its favorite foodstuff—beans—which are now selling at seven lolars a bushel."

Mr. Anderson said that the depart

ments of agriculture, commerce and fisheries, as well as the Interstate Commerce Commission are co-operating in the investigation. LINEMAN KILLED: DIDN'T KNOW CURRENT WAS ON

Everett Carter of Berlin Came in Contact With High Tension Wire. Berlin, Conn., Dec. 21 .- Everett Carter, a lineman in the employ of the Connecticut company was killed last night while at work in East Berlin by contact with a high tension wire. The current, it was stated to the authorities, had been shut off as is the cus-tom while the men were at work, but one of them thinking the job had been completed, telephoned to the power house to that effect and the curren was turned on again with the result

OBITUARY.

that Carter was shocked to death. His

nome was here.

Imri M. Wilcox. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 21.—Imri M. Wilcox, for more than 25 years cashier of the Aetna Life Insurance comdied at his home here late to-aged 68. He had been in ill for two years. His wife and

five children survive. Providence, R. I., Dec. 21.-Charles C. Gray, state auditor and insurance commissioner, died here today. He was 75 years of age and served with a

for Teutonic Allies

GION OF BALABANICA.

countering Stiff Resistance.

Except for the battles in Rumania, in the Carpathians southeast of the Kimpolung-Jacobeni railway, where

where the Russians have captured sev-eral heights, and at various points on

the Russian front, where attacks by the Russians have been repulsed by the Germans, little infantry activity is

Artillery Duels in France.

The artillery duels have been spirit

ed at various points along the French front. Berlin reports a rail by Ger-

mans on British trenches and the cap

ture of four officers and twenty-six men. In another raid British troops

entered German trenches near Arras, but later were ejected. On the Ver-dun sector, where the French made a

notable advance last week, the Cer-mans have violently bombarded the Louvemont-Vaux front.

In Mesopotamia the British report successful bombardments of Turkish

river craft and land positions in the region of Kut-el-Amara.

Andrew Bonar Law Speaks in Praise

of Lloyd George's Answer.

London, Dec. 21, 9.51 p. m.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the house of commons

tonight. Sir John A. Simon, in he-half of himself and a group of follow-

ers, gave unqualified support to Urem-ler Lloyd George's speech in the house of commons and then Hastings B. L. Smith, liberal member for Northamp-ton, in military uniform, sounded a

proposals be allowed to see the light of day. Andrew Bonar Law, chan-cellor of the evchepuer and member

of war council, promptly rose in he-half of the government and declared

that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasurer which had been

spent in the war would have been

in his address "is that the reply of the premier to the German note was to the

effect that the door was not yet clos-

ed. That is a wise answer and the best possible answer at this stage. The German proposals should be al-

a proposition would be carried by

cription and militarism forever or all

CAMPAIGN AGAINST TORREON.

Is Again in Possession of Jiminaz an

Santa Rosalia.

and Santa Rosalia, south of Chinuainua.

and that he is planning a campaign against Torreon, where there is only a

small Carranaz garrison. Telegraphic communication with Torreon was in-terrupted today, but the last reports from there said the British consul,

ome 200 foreigners, mostly Americans

ARCHBISHOP HARTY INSTALLED

Has Been in the Philippines for the

op Harty.

Past Ten Years.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.-Archbishop

AS BISHOP OF OMAHA

VILLA IS PLANNING A

'My understanding," said Mr. Smith

spent in vain.

note-urging that the German

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GERMANY'S OFFER DISCUSSED

being displayed.

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